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My dear Mr. Stitt:

The full texts of letters from colonial clergymen to Lord Dartmouth which were so graciously made available for my use by photostatic copies afford a half dozen or so quotations which I should like to incorporate in a small book dealing with the First Continental Congress of 1774 as it illustrates the political thought of the clergy of the time.

My hope and request is that Lord Dartmouth will allow such quotations with credit given as to source. Over
~~and~~

many years I have assembled books, sermons, letters and other data. It was a particular favor to have access to the original Dartmouth Papers which give a fuller conception of the letters than can be found in the abstracts of the Brit. Mus. Com. Reports

B. J. Stevens and Brown of London
have been most helpful. Miss
Laphro Mander of Stafford by the
happy incident of becoming acquainted
with two of my children proved a
golden link in the chain of
circumstances. Trusting that
it may be possible for Lord
Dartmouth to ~~accede~~ to permit
this use and with hearty thanks
to His Grace for the same, and to
you for kindly assisting in this
request I ~~beg to remain~~ an
~~affly & gratefully most with~~
~~gratefully~~ Faithfully yours.

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MR. F. B. STITT,
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MY DEAR MR. STITT:

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TRUSTING THAT IT MAY BE POSSIBLE FOR LORD DARTMOUTH TO PERMIT THIS USE AND WITH HEARTY THANKS TO HIS GRACE FOR THE SAME AND TO YOU FOR KINDLY ASSISTING IN THIS REQUEST, I AM,

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Dear Sir,

Re: Dartmouth Papers at William Salt Library

Mr. Stitt, the Staffordshire County Archivist, has written us in reply to our request to him on your behalf apropos of permission to quote from the above papers. He says -

"I think that as I shall have to approach Lord Dartmouth, it would be better for me to have a letter direct from Mr. Robinson explaining his work which I can forward, working on the theory that the more information Lord Dartmouth has the less likelihood there is of protracted correspondence."

If you would like to write to Mr. Stitt direct, his initials are F.B., his degrees B.A., B.Litt., and his address, County Record Office, County Buildings, Stafford, Staffs.

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Mr. Stewart M. Robinson
23 Kempshall Place
Elizabeth, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Robinson:

I am sorry that I wasn't available when you were here on Friday, but I am glad to have your manuscript here, and I was also glad to have your letter of January 30th and the enclosed pamphlet on The Political Thought of the Colonial Clergy. We shall be very happy to take your manuscript under consideration, and I shall write again as soon as we have had a chance to look into it. Meanwhile thank you for bringing it to us.

Sincerely yours,

Herbert S. Bailey, Jr.

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~~The~~ Parliament of 1768 ^{to} which came to end by
writs of election ^{in the late summer of 1774} ~~on the fall of 1774~~ under ^{George} Grenville's
new Corrupt Practices Act. has been described by
~~Macaulay~~ Trevelyan Trevelyan said of it: "it may be
confidently asserted that the burden of proof rests
with those who maintain that a worse Parliament ever
sate than that which was elected in the spring of 1768."
(Geo. O. Trevelyan, *The American Revolution Part I 1766-1776*, p 210
New York 1899) This Parliament closed its career
with the ~~the~~ acts of March 1774, the most notable being
the Boston Port Bill, from which the events of this
book take their rise.

Lord North was Prime Minister. In the
shock of second thought which was produced by
the effect of the Stamp Act a man was found
to act as Secretary of State for the Colonies in
the person of Lord Dartmouth. He was known
in the Colonies as a friend of the Evangelical
interest in religion. He ~~could~~ helped all pious
causes and was the friend to those who
fought evil and challenged the vice and
corruption of the times. His broad and deeply
Christian spirit felt with Wesley and
Whitefield, befriended John Newton the
converted sea captain, housed William

Couper in this depression, granted laudable gifts
to help Indians to faith and a better fortune,
and in short was a man who best
represented the Catholic Christian ^{who thought} ~~to whom~~
churchman and non-conformist, if both
spiritual men must be both brothers at
heart, ~~and~~ when he took up his official
duties in August 1772 "the news was hailed
with satisfaction throughout America by people of all
parties and indeed of every colour." (G.O.T. vol p 150)
"When he allowed himself to become the
instrument of an hostility which was foreign to
his nature, and, it is to be feared, not consonant
with his opinions, they diminished something from
their respect, but he always retained their love"
Cibd p 1511 The Earl's name frequently appears
in ~~the~~ these pages x

The Congress that came to Philadelphia in 1774 was the first of a series which lasted until December 31, 1786. It met at Carpenters' Hall which reflected the tentative acceptance which official circles in Pennsylvania ^{best} had at that time for the project. The State House was the official & Purvance Building while Carpenters Hall was a private property "originally constructed for a hall of meeting for the Society of House Carpenters of Philadelphia" ^{(Watson} x ^{I, 919)}. It stands back from Chestnut Street between Third and Fourth, made of brick, three stories high with a small steeple. Modern city planning has brought this historic building into greater visibility, more as it ~~was~~ originally stood amid open spaces.

The Congress ~~spend~~ spent the period September 5 - October 26 1774 in this building and reconvened there on May 10, 1775. October 1st 1775 it moved to the State House. On December ~~it removed~~ 20 1776 it went to Baltimore under the impact of the great military reverses of that year to return March 6 1777. But that

September it went to Lancaster, then to York
to return to Philadelphia July 2, 1778. There
it remained until June 21, 1783. Princeton
September 8 Congress June 30 to November 4
~~1783~~ 1783, Annapolis November 3¹⁷⁸³ 6 to August 19
1784, Trenton November 1, ~~1784~~ - December 24 1784
and the Continental Congress moved to
New York January 11 1785 and remained
there until its end December 31, 1786.
It had 2056 working days and on 139
days either had no business, or no quorum and
adjourned. During its ^{whole} life the various
colonies/states sent 337 delegates. Fifty
six attended the Congress of 1774. (Journals of
the Continental Congress 31 Vols 1904-1934 Washington)

Monday -

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with
Mr Swain (?) ~~who~~ of the N J Historical
Society formerly Boyd's assistant with
the Jefferson Papers.

Swain lives in Princeton, home Mondays, com-
mutes rest of week (probably home Saturdays)

Would like to place MS in Swain's hands.

Check his name (Henry Savage) and Boyd
(office in library (Firestone) to see if
he has, say I am in Alaska for the week
and would be pleased if Swain would take
MS in his possession till I can see him.

W4

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Braemar

~~Braemar~~

~~John~~

~~Thames~~

~~Bye~~